(a) whether with the restricted production of telephone instruments and other accessories, Government have examined as to how far it has resulted in withholding the advantages of the sophisticated communication system from the people particularly in the rural area;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the average number of telephones available per 100 persons in the country and the share of the rural areas; and

(c) steps taken by Government so far to develop indigenous capacity both in sophistication and quantity to attain self-sufficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The production of telephone instruments is not restricted. The production of rural exchanges is now picking up.

(b) The national average of telephones per 100 population is 0.372 and that far rural areas is about 0.084 as on 31-3-86.

(c) The indigenous production capacity in new technology areas like Fibre Optic, Digital Microwave and Digital rural exchanges is being established to meet the demand.

Clinical trial of new contraceptive in AIIMS

1955. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in 'India Today' of October 31, 1987 regarding a clinical trial of a new contraceptive on an unsuspecting patient by doctors in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) After successful implementation of Phase I and II Trials with Net-en-an injectable contraceptive-Phase III clinical trials are in progress in 12 Centres all Over India including All India Institute of Medical Sciences. Only willing Volunteers are recruited for these trials. Smt. Vasundra Sharma was enrolled as a volunteer in September, 1981 after she was explained the nature of the trials, its benefits and side effects. She remained on trials for 2 years willingly. She expressed desire to discontinue after taking the last injection in September, 1983 and hence was dropped from the study in September 1983 itself. These trials have been approved by the "ethics committee of Indian Council of Medical Research."

Sanskrit Institutes

1956. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Sanskrit Institutes in the country being run by Government;

(b) the annual expenditure being incurred on each Institute during the last three years and so far during the current year; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up more Sanskrit Institutes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) The expenditure incurred during last three years and so far during the current year is as under:

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	Current Year
196.13	217.22	221.64	92.15

(c) Yes. Sir.

Statement

The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan is an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, (Deptt. of Education).